

Dominion Club News

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They're Green But When They Lean...

Many of our lamp and mailbox posts were plunked down in the wonderful clay we have for soil here at Dominion Club. They are not placed in concrete. After time, wind storms, normal use of the mailboxes, and people leaning on the posts, they can start to lean in the clay.

Short of having the posts taken out and reinstalled in concrete, here is a solution which seems to work fine. It may need to be repeated several times over 2 or 3 years for it to seem like a permanent repair. The frequency slows considerably after it's done several times AND it is a lot easier than placing the posts in concrete.

Supplies Needed

- a helper
- a bag of Paver Base material (Home Depot) - NOTE, You NEED to use Paver Base type sand. Play/sandbox sand or regular ocean or lake sand will NOT WORK
- a piece of wood about 1 1/2" square and at least 3 feet long to use as a "tamp"
- a hammer
- a mason's level
- a small hand spade, such as those used to plant small annuals

What To Do

Pull the leaning post back away from the direction of its lean, revealing a deep opening in the clay along side the post.

Fill the hole with paver base type sand. Jiggle it down into the space

as far as possible, using the hand spade.

Use the stick against the side of the post (careful not to scratch the green paint) to pack the paver base material tightly around the post.

You may want to do it first by hand to get a feel for the depth of the hole.

Then, use the hammer and stick to compact the paver base material deeper.

Now, place the level against the post, and while your helper holds the post straight, use more paver base and pack it tightly until the post seems snugly positioned.

You may need to use the paver base all around the post. Keep repeating the process by adding paver base and packing it tightly until the post seems firmly positioned.

If this is the first time you've done this, you may need to do it a few times over the next couple years.

Of course, Hurricane Ike winds or someone leaning on the posts may cause more frequent need for repair.

Thanks to Dean Jauchius for the content of this article—you can stop by to inspect his mailbox and lamp posts!

The Pool is Open!!!

www.dominionclub.org

Mark your calendar now for upcoming Dominion Club parties - don't miss all the fun!

- ◆ Pool Party, June 19
- ◆ Hawaiian Luau, July 24
- ◆ Western Cookout, Sept 18
- ◆ Halloween Party, Oct 24
- ◆ Holiday Party, Dec 11

DCHA Quarterly Meetings

- ◆ July 16
 - ◆ October 15—Election, 2 Board Members
- All at 7 pm Clubhouse



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Work Day at the Dominion Clubhouse

On Saturday, May 23, 2009 there was a good turnout of workers to help clean the clubhouse; plant flowers and power wash the lawn chairs and tables.

The willing workers were Karen and Bruce Collins, the Janets (Roth, Steinhaus and Gyrko), Fred Steinhaus, Charlene White, Bob White (no relation), Sarah (crack the whip) Strahler, Dave Ewing, Dan Axeline, Lindy Knight, Jack Green, Dean Jachus, and Alex Campbell. They started at 9:00 a.m. and were finished before noon. The cleanup and planting went quickly since so many were involved. They were energized by coffee provided by Donene Bradshaw and doughnuts provided by Janet Gyrko.

Ken Mead graciously loaned out his power washer, and it made short work of cleaning the lawn furniture. Inside, cleaning and sweeping, along with window washing, was done quickly so that a wedding shower could be held that day. Wayne Hasty provided fertilizer and tools and others brought their own tools and supplies. Special thanks to Sarah Strahler who picked up the flowers and plants and directed their placement.

Tom Gyrko adds this note: "It's great to be a part of this community because of people like you. Thanks for giving up your Saturday morning to help in the maintenance of the Clubhouse and pool area. We accomplished more than I thought we would. Special thanks to Barry Turner for not throwing in the towel while working on the rotting wood above the door; he saved us a ton of money. Once again thanks for your efforts".

John Bradshaw, looking to the future, says, "Plan to join the group next year for this annual event."



Race for the Cure – 2009

The 17th Annual Susan G. Komen "Race for the Cure" was held in downtown Columbus on Saturday, May 16. This year 45,456 people participated in this event.

Participating from the Dominion Club in the 5K walk were Tom & Janet Roth, John & Donene Bradshaw. This was the fourth

year that people from our area have walked in this fundraiser to find a cure for breast cancer.

At the finish line, in front of the state Capitol, there is a celebration for Survivors. They gather on the steps of the capitol and are honored by the event sponsors.



Vendor Services Directory Updated

Six new vendor listings from five Dominion Club residents have been added to the updated Dominion Club Vendor Services Directory. Purpose of the directory is to provide homeowners with contact information about various home and property services that are available from area vendors. Each listing in the 16 different categories is accompanied by a testimonial recommendation from a DC homeowner. The directory is available on the Dominion Club web site at www.dominionclub.org

The directory also lists "Neighbor Helping Neighbor" homeowners who volunteer to assist fellow homeowners with such services as computer help, maintenance of the lamp posts and mailboxes, and electrical repairs.

"We always welcome new listings from homeowners. In recent weeks, we've re-

ceived information in the areas of piano tuning/repairing, landscape and lawn maintenance, garage door repairs, flooring installation and carpet cleaning," said Wayne Hasty, communications committee member. Homeowners can find this information in the updated directory on the web site.

Homeowners wanting to recommend a vendor may use the form at the end of the directory and submit it to Hasty at whasty4703@aol.com or to Alex Campbell, communications committee chair, at alexjcampbell@att.net. Homeowners wanting to join the corps of "Neighbors Helping Neighbors" may do so by sending an e-mail to Hasty or Campbell.

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June is National Rose Month



Photo by Carol Jauchius



- Rose Color Meanings**
- Red-----Love, Passion, Respect, Courage
 - White-----I nnocence, Purity, Secrecy
 - Yellow-----Joy, Friendship
 - Coral-----Desire
 - Light Pink-----Grace, Gladness, Joy



Flag Day
June 14

Clubhouse Parking—Protect the Sprinkler Heads

We all have known what it sounds like to pull into a parking space too far and run the deflector that’s under the front of our cars up on the concrete barrier or curb.

Because we don’t have big concrete parking barriers at the clubhouse parking lot, red flags have been installed at the end of those parking spaces where in-ground sprinkler heads stick up.

Most vehicles can break them off when the vehicles are pulled-in far enough to hit the sprinkler heads and maybe bash the flowers/shrubs.

Please do not pull in to bump the curb

marked by the red flags. Your car can hook a sprinkler head and break it off, causing the sprinkling system to be disabled until a costly repair is made. You can also damage your car—the broken sprinkler head and internal spring could tangle with your car’s fan belt or serpentine belt and wreak havoc with your engine.



DRC ACTIVITY SEES VALUE ADDED

Porch enclosures are popular

The coming of summer and warm weather fosters the desire for more outdoor enjoyment, brighten-up the house or even make modifications. Three porch modifications have recently been done. Some have been converted for year-round use, and some for 3-season use.

Save Time, Effort and \$\$ - Submit Plans to DRC First

As has always been required by the association rules, an Exterior Modification Application form must be submitted, which also outlines certain other information needs, prior to beginning any modification. The form is readily available at www.dominionclub.org. Under "Forms" see "Exterior Modification Application Form". Depending upon the complexity of the project and when the last board meeting occurred, you may expect up to 3 weeks for the form to complete process. Obtaining Village of New Albany building permits, of course, is you or your contractor's responsibility.

Repainting the same colors requires NO Exterior Modification Application form

Many folks are considering repainting their houses. Most "repaints" are the same or nearly the same as the original colors. They were approved by the Village of New Albany during the architectural review for zoning of our neighborhood. Keeping the same color also makes painting a much easier task.

However, **changing colors** of any exterior portion of the house requires submittal of an Exterior Modification Application form to the Design Review Committee (DRC). To ensure an accurate and timely review, the DRC requests that paint vendor's color swatches from your paint supplier accompany the request.

Approved colors, including some paint vendor coded swatches are on file with the DRC and may be viewed by asking any committee member to arrange a time. See the organization chart on the home-page of our website.

Flat colors are preferred for shutters, while a matching color in semi-gloss is recommended for the front door. The DRC must reject other colors. Trim colors, typically White Linen or Natural Linen are the only Village of New Albany Architectural Review Board approved colors for homes throughout the Dominion Club.

If you do not refer to the available DRC color reference and swatches, (for example, dark blue can have numerous shades), please include several swatches, plainly labeled so the DRC may respond to specific colors and/or offer alternate suggestions, if needed.

The DRC is charged with maintaining the original architectural character of our neighborhood. Unfortunately, failure to submit the Exterior Modification Application with the DRC may cause the need to RE-apply paint, per the Dominion Club at New Albany Links Homeowners Association (Sections 2 & 6) **Handbook**, Section XIV, Exterior Modifications, Page 12, and Section XV, Submittal to the Design Review Committee, Page 15.

Additionally, review compliance is outlined in the **Special Deed Restrictions**, Section VII, Architectural Standards, Paragraphs A, B and C, Page 9.



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Community Notes...

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Stitchery—The DC stitchery group will meet this month on Monday, June 8 and June 22 at 7 pm in the clubhouse. Join us!

The Dominion Club Women's Bible Study—Meets in the clubhouse each Thursday, 10:00 to 11:30am except in the Summer. Contact Mary Lou Ewing, 614-933-9017 if you are interested in joining.

Pool Party June 19—Our annual Pool Party and Cookout will be on Friday, June 19, 2009 at the Dominion Clubhouse and Pool.

The burgers, brats and hot dogs should be ready by 6:30 p.m. Bring an appetizer, salad, side dish or dessert to share and \$3.00 each.

Also, bring your own drinks. Invitations will be going out in a few days via the website called "Evite." Please respond directly on that website. If you do not have an Internet connection, you will get an invitation in your mailbox. Call John or Donene Bradshaw with questions at 855-7074.

The Pool is Open!— To all resident owners from **8am to 10pm** daily. Hours for **children under 18** are **10am to 1pm** and **4pm to 6pm**. Resident owners may have up to 6 guests at one time and all guests must be accompanied by a resident. Please remember to **lower table umbrellas** when leav-

ing. Complete pool information can be found on the DCHA web site.

Ask Prudence—*Dear Prudence*, What if I have a negative experience with one of the vendors listed in our Vendor Services Directory (VSD) and would like to UN-recommend that vendor? - Not Happy

Dear Not Happy, Maturity of the VSD heralds the need to keep it fresh. Your submission of the "Services Directory Information Submission Form" found on our website will be considered and the person who recommended the vendor may be consulted before taking the vendor off the list. Of course, if the original recommending party is no longer a resident at Dominion Club, or the vendor is out of business, the reference may be pulled from the VSD. It is conceivable that both positive and negative recommendations could reside in the VSD.



If you have contributions for the newsletter or something to communicate to the Dominion Club community, contact a member of the Communications Committee:

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